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Re: Application of: MARCOLONGO, Roberto, et al.

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For: **POLYMETAPHOSPHATE BASED  
FORMULATIONS FOR THERAPY OF  
MICROCRYSTALLINE ARTHROPATHIES**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 30, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response (copy attached) and Notification of Missing Requirements, the Declaration of the inventors and \$65.00 surcharge fee are enclosed.

A Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and a copy of the assignments of the inventors are also enclosed.

No further fees are believed to be due. If it is determined that any further fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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